



ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN
LEGAL CENTER
OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

1145 Wilshire Boulevard, Second Floor
Los Angeles, California 90017
(213) 977-7500 Fax: (213) 977-7595
www.apalc.org

Chairman Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

December 27, 2004

RE: WC Docket No. 03-133

Dear Chairman Powell:

Since 1983, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California has worked to protect civil rights, provided legal services, and has strived to positively influence and impact Asian Pacific Americans and the communities in which they live. Central to this mission is ensuring that no policy initiative hinders or endangers the quality of life for Asian Pacific Americans.

Asian Americans are one of the most rapidly growing segments of the population that use pre-paid cards as their way of staying in touch with loved ones around the country and across the globe. In fact, 10% of Asian American households use pre-paid calling cards today.

On behalf of APALC, I urge the FCC to thoughtfully consider the negative impact of any policy that would result in new increased fees and costs for pre-paid calling card consumers and providers. A rise in the cost of pre-paid calling cards would hit hard working Americans with low incomes the most. Roughly 50% of homes with incomes below \$20,000 use pre-paid cards, making them essential for people who do not have monthly phone service.

As the public's steward on communications policy, I hope the FCC will defend the public's interest here by maintaining affordable access to prepaid phone services.

Sincerely,

Stewart Kwoh, Esq.
President & Executive Director



ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN
LEGAL CENTER
OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

ccs: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Commissioner Kevin Martin
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein

1145 Wilshire Boulevard, Second Floor
Los Angeles, California 90017
(213) 977-7500 Fax: (213) 977-7595
www.apalc.org